

of the Joint Task Force for Disaster Assistance serving as the director of Strategic Communications working for both the JTF Commander and the U.S. Ambassador in Islamabad.

His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (5) with Combat "V", Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and numerous campaign and service medals. In his civilian career, Braithwaite is senior vice president, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania where he leads the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council in Philadelphia.

His commitment to the Navy and our Nation would not have been possible without the support and love of his family, especially his wife Melissa, his daughter, Grace and his son, Harrison.

We commend and thank Rear Admiral Braithwaite for his relentless and selfless dedication to serving our country with honor and distinction.

JOBS AND ENERGY PERMITTING ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Clean Air Act regarding air pollution from Outer Continental Shelf activity:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in strong opposition to the Jobs and Permitting Act.

This legislation has nothing to do with lowering the price of gasoline—and even less to do with jobs. Instead, H.R. 2021 simply proposes to exempt significant offshore drilling activities from the Clean Air Act while eliminating or truncating appropriate permit review. Additionally, contrary to proponents' focus on Alaska, today's legislation threatens onshore air quality up and down the east and west coasts, including my home state of Maryland.

Madam Chair, the current majority is somehow under the impression that you can't have jobs unless you have dirty air. The forty year history of the Clean Air Act proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that this simply isn't true. Rather than rolling back the clock on our environmental laws, we should be accelerating the deployment of clean energy technologies that will create jobs, grow our economy and make our nation more secure.

UKRAINE'S DEMOCRATIC REVERSALS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concern about the deterioration of democracy in Ukraine over the past 16 months, and the current Ukrainian

leadership's use of politically motivated selective prosecution to harass high-ranking officials from the previous government. The country's once-promising democratic future is in jeopardy. While we face many serious challenges in every region of the world today, nonetheless it is imperative that Washington focus attention on what is happening in Ukraine—especially given that country's vital role in the region.

As a long-time member and current Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have followed and spoken out on developments in Ukraine since the early 1980's, when the rights of the Ukrainian people were completely denied and any brave soul who advocated for freedom was brutally persecuted.

Mr. Speaker, for nearly two decades, independent Ukraine has been moving away from its communist past while establishing itself as an important partner to the United States. Both the executive branch and Congress, on a bipartisan basis, have provided strong political support and concrete assistance for Ukraine's independence and facilitated Ukraine's post-Communist transition. In the wake of the 2004 Orange Revolution, Ukraine even became a beacon of hope for other post-Soviet countries, earning the designation of "Free" from Freedom House—the only country among the 12 non-Baltic former Soviet republics to earn such a ranking. And while many of the promises of that revolution have sadly gone unfulfilled, one of its successes has been Ukraine's rise from "Partly Free" to "Free," reflecting genuine improvements in human rights and democratic practices.

Under President Viktor Yanukovich, elected in February 2010, this promising legacy may vanish. Today we see backsliding on many fronts, which threatens to return Ukraine to authoritarianism and jeopardizes its independence from Russia. Among the most worrisome of these trends are: consolidation of power in the presidency which has weakened checks and balances; backpedaling with respect to freedom of expression and assembly; various forms of pressure on the media and civil society groups; attempts to curtail academic freedom and that of institutions and activists who peacefully promote the Ukrainian national identity; and seriously flawed local elections. Meanwhile, endemic corruption—arguably the greatest and most persistent threat to Ukrainian democracy and sovereignty—as well as the weak rule of law and the lack of an independent judiciary, which were not seriously addressed by the Orange governments, have only become more pronounced under the current regime.

Moreover, in recent months, we have seen intensified pressure on opposition leaders, even selective prosecutions of high-ranking members of the previous government. The vast majority of observers both within and outside Ukraine see these cases, which have targeted former Prime Minister Yuliya Tymoshenko and former Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko among others, as politically motivated acts of revenge which aim to remove possible contenders from the political scene, especially in the run-up to next year's parliamentary elections.

Mr. Speaker, the Helsinki Commission has closely monitored these troubling trends as have the U.S., other Western governments, and the European Parliament and Council of Europe. Unfortunately, the Ukrainian authori-

ties have largely downplayed concerns voiced by the European Union, which they aspire to join someday, and by the United States, with which Kyiv professes to seek better relations.

The U.S. also desires enhanced bilateral ties. Yet, moving in the wrong direction on human rights, democracy and the rule of law decidedly works against strengthening U.S.-Ukrainian relations. More importantly, the erosion of hard-won democratic freedoms weakens Ukraine's independence and harms the people of Ukraine, who have endured a painful history as a captive nation over the course of the last century. Indeed, as Ukraine this week marks the 70th anniversary of the brutal Nazi invasion, we mourn the loss of life and untold human suffering of that horrific war.

Against this backdrop of devastation wreaked by totalitarian regimes in the 20th century, Ukrainians deserve to have the promise of democracy made possible by their independence fully realized.

A few days ago, President Yanukovich said that he would take into account the criticisms in Freedom House's recent "Sounding the Alarm: Protecting Democracy in Ukraine" report. His promise is encouraging, but words alone are not enough. All friends of Ukraine should measure his words by actual and meaningful changes that improve the state of democracy and human rights for the Ukrainian people.

INTRODUCTION OF CENTER TO ADVANCE, MONITOR, AND PRESERVE UNIVERSITY SECURITY SAFETY ACT OF 2011

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Center to Advance, Monitor and Preserve University Security ("CAMPUS") Safety Act of 2011. This legislation passed the House in both the 110th and 111th Congresses and I hope to get it signed into law in the 112th Congress. The purpose of the legislation is to enable our institutions of higher education to more easily obtain the best information available on how to keep our campuses safe and how to respond in the event of a campus emergency. The bill creates a National Center for Campus Public Safety ("Center"), which will be administered through the Department of Justice. The Center is designed to train campus public safety agencies in state of the art practices to assure campus safety, encourage research to strengthen college safety and security, and serve as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of relevant campus public safety information. The Director of the Center will have authority to award grants to institutions of higher learning to help them meet their enhanced public safety goals.

Over the past few years we have seen numerous tragedies occur at colleges and universities, including the disastrous events that occurred at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University. Unfortunately, because these events were the first of their kind for the nation, our schools had not developed knowledge on how best to prevent such tragedies or on how to respond in their aftermath. While

there is growing awareness that such threats are possible anywhere, many schools still have not developed safety protocols that would prepare them to maximize the prospects of preventing such tragedies or to effectively respond to them should they occur despite sound prevention efforts. The recent shooting at Old Dominion University is an unfortunate reminder of the need for this legislation.

Our nation's colleges and universities play a large role in the development of our next generation of leaders and we should assist them in their efforts to keep our campuses and our students safe. The Clery Act already requires schools to have safety plans in order to participate in the Title IV deferral student aid programs, however, currently there is no one place for schools to obtain reliable and useful information. It makes little sense to require the thousands of institutions of higher education to individually go through the cost and effort to develop comprehensive plans. Instead, they ought to be able to obtain guidance and assistance, including best practices, from a "one stop shop" like the Center.

The CAMPUS Safety Act will help institutions of higher learning understand how to prevent such tragedies from occurring, and how to respond immediately and effectively in case they do.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation to ensure that our institutions of higher education have access to the information necessary to keep their schools safe.

**HONORING THEODORE C. MAX,
M.D., WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS
ROSAMOND CHILDS AWARD FOR
COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY**

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Theodore C. Max, M.D. Theodore C. Max recently received the honor of the prestigious Rosamond Childs Award for Philanthropy, presented by the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.

Theodore C. Max has held a strong presence as a leading surgeon in the Utica area for more than 30 years. The author of numerous publications, he has presented at conferences across the country, and has been acknowledged in Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, and Who's Who in the World. A University of Rochester graduate and celebrated local physician, Theodore C. Max has received numerous awards, both for his professional and personal contributions to our society.

The Rosamond Childs Award for Community Philanthropy is awarded to individuals displaying an inspirational spirit of generosity and compassion. Theodore C. Max, M.D., exemplifies these values and his legacy is sure to leave a positive impact on generations to come. Community figures such as Theodore C. Max, M.D., must be recognized for the dedication and selflessness they display for their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Theodore C. Max, M.D., for his gen-

erosity and commitment to our community and the world.

HONORING SHERIDAN LEE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to Sheridan Lee of my district who died on June 9, 2011. We have lost a strong and vigorous supporter of human dignity and justice.

A lifelong resident of Genesee County, Sheridan spent 3 years in the Marine Corps. He returned to Flint and worked in the banking industry for 35 years, retiring from Bank One as Vice President of Commercial Loans. His first hand experience as the owner of the Hale Hat Shop helped him understand the struggles small businesses faced and he was very proud that he was able to help so many businesses in Flint.

For over 45 years, Sheridan was an uncompromising advocate for a better nation. While Sheridan was active in Michigan politics before 1968 his true leadership shined at the 1968 Congressional District Convention when as the Vice-Chair of the New Democratic Coalition he gathered a group that became known as the Kennedy-McCarthy Coalition and elected seven of the eight delegates to the National Democratic Convention, including myself. Sheridan was not satisfied with just saying or singing Kumbaya. He was not content with only sentimentalism. He was a persistent, tireless activist. Sheridan pursued justice unrelentingly. On October 14, 1969 Sheridan presided over the largest peace rally ever held in Flint, Michigan to protest the Vietnam war. Over 4000 citizens assembled at Wilson Park to express their anger over our nation's war policy. On that site today stands a statue of Gandhi, a monument to peace.

His political involvement was all encompassing. He was a great strategist and organizer but he contributed his physical labor to whatever was needed—from going door to door to assembling and distributing yard signs for the Kildee campaign and other Democrats. He helped drive dignitaries when they visited Flint including Secretary of Education Richard Riley during the 2000 campaign. As the former Treasurer of the Genesee County Democratic Party, Sheridan was recognized by the Michigan Democratic Party this year when they named him the Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year at the annual Jeff-Jack Dinner. Indeed his telephone answering message gave no question as to his fervent political affiliation: "Hello. You have reached the Lee residence, the home of good Democrats."

In 2004, Sheridan and his wife, Maryion, formed the Progressive Caucus of the Genesee County Democratic Party. They started the Caucus to focus on educating the public about health care, the war, and other issues affecting the people of our country. They believe the public was getting a slanted view of issues and they decided to do something to correct it. They held numerous town hall meetings and seminars to give people an opportunity to express their views and hear a variety of opinions.

My wife, Gayle, and I appreciated their moral compass and enjoyed their warm friend-

ship. We broke bread together and enjoyed visiting them at their farm home. Family was very important to Sheridan. His son, Lindsey, Lindsey's wife, Beth, and their 3 children Teddy, Marlin and Freya; son, Lynn, his husband, Steve, and their daughter Addison; and daughter, Megan, are all politically active. Sheridan was very proud that he inspired his children to carry on his work in their own communities.

All who have shared Sheridan's friendship are better people because of that. I know that I am a better congressman but more significantly a better human being because of Sheridan Lee and his talented wife, Maryion.

**TRIBUTE TO PAUL M. DOWD AND
THE NAMING OF THE BASEBALL
FIELD AT WAHCONAH PARK IN
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
IN HIS HONOR**

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Paul M. Dowd for his longtime service to the City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and whose name will hereinafter be associated with the historic baseball field at Wahconah Park in Pittsfield.

Mr. Dowd first came to Pittsfield in 1966 as a pitcher for the Pittsfield Red Sox—having been signed by that organization in 1964—from his home state of Michigan, where he also attended Ferris State College. He has been a full-time resident of Pittsfield for the past 35 years. During that time, he has generously dedicated his time to the community.

Thirty years ago, Mr. Dowd founded the Berkshire County Chapter of the Jimmy Fund and remains active as its president. He was elected to the Pittsfield City Council for six years, served in the United States Marine Reserves, coached Little League baseball, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, and American Legion. Mr. Dowd is well known in the community for his selfless and thoughtful commitment to improving the quality of life for children afflicted with cancer.

In recognition of his magnanimous service to the community and its children, the Pittsfield City Council and the Pittsfield Park Commission voted unanimously to name the baseball field at Wahconah Park as the Paul M. Dowd Field. Because of his outstanding commitment to the welfare of Pittsfield's citizenry, Mr. Dowd is most deserving of this high honor.

AMERICA INVENTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1249) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform:

Mr. MORAN. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my concerns about the Manager's